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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

The record as a whole makes the reasons for allowance clear, particularly in light of the fact that this application not only has gone through several Office Actions but also was appealed. Thus, a statement on reasons for allowance is unnecessary, 37 C.F.R. §104.

Further, only parts of the independent claims have been mentioned in the Statement as though none of the other limitations mattered. Also, the parts that were mentioned were said not to be taught by the applied reference, and indeed they are not, but it must be understood that the claims further are not obvious, or the examiner would not have allowed them. Thus, while Applicant agrees that the claims are patentable, nothing in the Statement should be presumed to override the principle that each claim, including each dependent claim, is patentable on its own owing to the combination of structure/steps it recites.

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